

House Resolution 334

By: Representatives Keen of the 179th, Mills of the 25th, Jones of the 46th, Roberts of the 154th, Sheldon of the 105th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) has been introduced in the United States
4 Congress several times since 1989, most recently in April, 2007, with 109 cosponsors in the
5 House of Representatives and 19 cosponsors in the Senate; and

6 WHEREAS, the 2007 FOCA states "it is the policy of the United States that every woman
7 has the fundamental right to choose to bear a child, to terminate a pregnancy prior to fetal
8 viability, or to terminate a pregnancy after fetal viability when necessary to protect the life
9 or health of the woman"; and

10 WHEREAS, FOCA prohibits the government from denying or interfering with a woman's
11 decision to have an abortion and applies retroactively to federal, state, and local statutes; and

12 WHEREAS, passage of FOCA would invalidate more than 550 federal and state abortion
13 related laws which are supported by a majority of the American public; and

14 WHEREAS, FOCA would specifically invalidate the common-sense, protective laws enacted
15 by the State of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, FOCA will not make abortion safe or rare, but instead will actively promote and
17 subsidize abortion with state and federal tax dollars; and

18 WHEREAS, the re-introduction and passage of this legislation would undermine the ideals
19 and beliefs of pro-life Americans.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in urging the United States Congress to oppose any efforts to

22 enact the Freedom of Choice Act or any similar legislation aiming to remove the power of
23 governments to restrict access to abortions.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
26 congressional delegation.